

HOGS FLAT TEN LOWER

Hog Market Lower with Fairly Liberal Receipts.

TOP PRICE WAS \$4.32 1-2

No Change to Note in the Cattle Market.

The hog market yesterday was again lower, Kansas City was reported ten to fifteen cents lower and here the decline was a flat ten cents. The packers wanted the hogs and every hog that reached the yards by six p. m. was sold. The top price yesterday was \$4.32 and at the close good mixed packers brought \$4.30. Heavy well finished hogs are the favorites with the packers and car loads containing very many light hogs have to be sold cheaper. It is every day becoming more evident that this market is being pushed up a little nearer Kansas City prices. Shippers can see this and they are more than pleased with prices obtained for hogs.

Hog Sales.
By an arrangement between the packers and commission men, hogs arriving late in the night are fed, watered and weighed up on arrival and the next morning sold at the market's prices. These hogs are quoted under the heading of "early sales," and the fresh receipts, which sale of which is governed by the market for the day on which they are sold, are quoted under the heading of "late sales."

EARLY SALES.

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LATE SALES.

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Cattle Sales.

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IN AND ABOUT THE STOCK YARDS.

People may talk about markets, but after all figures tell the best story. The daily packing company of Kansas City yesterday bought on that market 1,572 hogs averaging 225 pounds at an average cost of \$4.15. The John Cudahy Packing Co., of this city bought on the Wichita market yesterday 225 hogs at the average weight being 210 pounds and they cost \$4.15. This shows that the difference in the cost of these two drives of hogs was just ten cents. That is, the market difference in the price of car hogs in Kansas City and Wichita was less than ten cents per 100 pounds. Mr. Wallace, buyer for the D. H. Hunt, said the average cost of car hogs sold on that market yesterday was \$4.18, making the market here seven cents under Kansas City. As a matter of fact the sellers know that the Wichita packers could buy hogs cheaper but they do not do it because they want all the hogs that are coming and more.

Dr. C. W. J. Specht of Rusk, O. T., was in the city yesterday. He brought a car load of hogs that was sold on the early market yesterday. Dr. Specht says they are sinking a well at Rusk for purpose of finding gas or oil. They have indications of oil in that section and he has faith that the effort of the people of Rusk to find oil will be crowned with success.

Some of the shippers who had hogs on the early market yesterday were: W. C. Thompson of Hutchinson; C. A. Ackman of Eldorado; J. N. Deane of Harper; W. P. Pack of Moundridge; J. E. Mott of Deer Creek; O. T. Dan Wilcox, Udall; Smith & Clutter, Amarillo, Texas; Chesky & Funk, Nickerson; O'Neil & Blue, Empress; O. T. Townsend & Son, Andale; Dunaway & Son, Tonkawa, O. T.

Shippers who had hogs on the market yesterday were: Wm. Wiley, Sedgewick; Campbell & Horton, Caldwell; P. E. Eichler, Pratt; G. B. Powell, Norwich; John & Son, Rose Hill; W. H. Bennett, Rose Hill; C. S. McDaniels, Billings; O. T. M. C. McGaffey, Billings; M. R. Davis, Viola; W. J. Bending, Empress; Beckham & Ostoff, Sterling; Ernest Lemon, Wakarusa, O. T.

Shippers who had cattle on the market were: W. J. Bending of Hallowell and John Terres of Garden Plain.

WHEAT GAINS SOME

In Early Part of the Day Bears Were Rampant.

THEN BULLS STEPPED IN

Corn and Oats Firm—Provisions Were Lower.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Comparatively firm cables and continued rainy weather news from Argentina were the main factors in bringing out a fair demand for May wheat. May opened a shade lower to a shade higher at 80c to 81c, advancing to 81c 1/2. Northwest receipts, however, were heavily double those of the preceding year and similar. These features also showed large gains. These features of the domestic situation were responsible for a selling movement that carried May down to 80 1/2c. The card seemed to be bearishly inclined and there was little support offered. The leading long sold a big line of July openly and it was rumored he was selling May through brokers. Quite a lot of long wheat came out on the weak spot but when the selling ceased a good demand from commission houses and pit traders started a rally. Seaboard reported 22 boat loads taken for export and this gave shorts their cue and they bought freely late in the day. Closing prices were at about the top figures. May closed with a gain of 1/2c at 81 1/2c, after touching 81c. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 462,500 bushels. Primary receipts were 58,300 bushels compared with 52,000 bushels a year ago. Minneapolis and Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 58 cars, against 62 last week and 510 a year ago.

Although the advancing tendency in corn reached a point from the early decline in wheat, it soon rallied from the depression and ruled firm throughout the remainder of the day. Small receipts and firm cables were partly responsible for the firmness. The Iowa crop report was the occasion of a fair turn up in the price of the May option. It showed a reduction of 67,000,000 bushels in the crop from that of last year. There was also a considerable improvement in the cash demand, the cash market showing a gain of a full cent. After opening a shade higher at 43c, May sold between 43c and 44c, closing at 43 1/2c. Local receipts were 77 cars, no contract grade.

A little demand from commission houses and selling by scalpers were about the only feature in trading in oats. There was no evidence of any selling by the big houses either any further accumulation by these interests. Prices showed little change. May opened unchanged at 35c, ranging between 35 1/2c and 36c, closing at 35 1/2c. Local receipts were 35 cars. Provisions were lower as was expected in view of the liberal receipts of hogs and a decline of from 10 to 15 cents in prices at the yards. Total receipts of hogs at western markets figured up 129,000, compared with 25,300 a year ago. These figures stimulated a good deal of bearish sentiment in provisions. Buying by shorts was in sufficient evidence to hold prices steady at a small decline. May pork closed 12 1/2c lower at \$10.75. May lard and ribs were each off 1/2c at \$6.25 and \$6.10.

Receipts for tomorrow:
Wheat, 75 cars; corn, 135 cars; oats, 103 cars; hogs, 4,000 head.

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